



NSDM

- ✓ HES
- APC
- ✓ Bioz file ✓
- ✓ 2 Demios
- ✓ 52 VC vs. APC
- ✓ 8 OB
- ✓ 10 Cambodia
- 10A-11 RVNAF
- ✓ 15⁽¹⁶⁾ Doc prospects
- ✓ 16¹⁷ C habits
- 19 info on damage
- ✓ 21-23 politics
- ✓ 25⁽²⁶⁾ reduction in US
- ✓ 26²⁷ B-52
- ✓ 27²⁸
- 28²⁹
 - b. southern DRV
 - d. Chien interdiction

study ✓

RAND

question

SNIE ~~E~~ on organization ✓

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Study of econom. ✓

RAND

question

RAND

joint study?

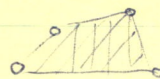
RAND cost?

question

(effects; alternatives)
costs

joint study

question on costs,
dropping, effects



1. JC/NLF compared to GVN/RVNAF

2. Vulnerability of base

22 B - No chance for improvement
at current rate. Drastic
revisions required in selection
& promotion of GVAO officer officers.

28 A - Disagree with State
that bombing in NVN was
that effective or significant.

Summary & Introduction
Pacification: Part I
(Qs 14, 15 & 16).

1. OSD view of significant massing
wrong. GVAO employees ^{Catholic} employees,
& this figure account for
over 8 million - and these people
are aligned because they have no
choice. Best estimate of VC (NVN)
support by population that I
can get is about 1.7 million.

2. Agree with CIA estimate of
effect of VC on 2/3's of rural
population - but - rural population
is only 50% of country!

3. Estimate of time to pacify
is not the possibility of stabilization -

2d also the possible effects
of 2 US pull out.

4. Richardson to suggest studying
HES. Whoever conducted this study
don't understand the HES.

5. Question XIV — The whole sum-
ming is misleading — as apparently
in the basic data. HES is wholly
on a measure of trend — not an
absolute measure. Also — GVNE
continued to be underestimated!

6. Ques XV — VC hauls is not
served by 9 officials. No evidence
of political program by VC in early-
fifties. The reverse! Land re-
form was not key to VC
success in 60-64. Very little
actually done!

7. Ques XVII — Villages & hauls
Information are not easily re-
placed. They are among the
most difficult. Answer requires
ratio at Villages/hauls vs District
+ higher — Probably even.

8. Ridiculous to split hairs on the number of upstarts. The definition constantly changes.
9. PRP membership the not difficult to find.
10. Ques XVIII — Too pessimistic. Should be a breakthrough in Phoenix in 1969.
11. Ques 19. MACV/JCS way off on this — we have very limited & sketchy knowledge of damage to civilians — maybe 30%. Civilian casualties are up.
12. Ques 20 — CIA has complete ignorance of the facts in III Corps. The overwhelming report of Disturbed Area Reports (34 of 43) were better than their predecessors. There isn't a CIA man in III Corps who can adequately address this question.
13. Painful — Part II (Austin 17, 18, 19 & 20)

14. (17 - Phocine Adrenals) - variations in
explanations of 25% are not required!
15. (19 - War Damage) - Strongly underse
position stated.

Summary on the "Environment of Neoplatonism"

1. I. Agree generally.
2. II. Disagree with NIE. Impact
of such a silliness far greater.
3. III + IV - No ground Underneath
NIE for our lack of knowledge.

NVA/VC - Question #5a - 10a.

1. Ques 5c - There is a
lower level of juvenile activity -
become more press generally.
VC were more sufferers in 1964.
2. (Ques #6) - Concern with ex-
planation of 12th paragraph - page 2.
None of these objections could be
rebutted by the paper suggested.
Madness!

3. (Ques 7) Agree that every largely control his own situation - but only 50% of course. Disagree that every is that fast loose & free. We often minimize the enormous logistical, medical & security problems we face.

4. (Ques 8) Agree more with CIA/DIA estimates - believe they may even be low - particularly on administrative service personnel!

5. (Ques 9) Disagree. Not likely to risk the losses - and even if they were - significant results for every would not be attained. Strongly doubt the shift to an attack of results. Reaction capability such that these attacks were costly than results obtained.

6. (Ques 10) - Major route of supply is the CT 2 is the Cambodian with Cambodia being source of much food.

Summary of Political Scenarios

(Questions 21-23)

1. Agree generally - with this very generalized summary. A major deficiency in the analysis is to relate these national characteristics to VC since and otherwise. They apply equally here in many cases.
2. "Victory" in the classic sense is out of the question - but - agree that continued US support required.
3. There is little likelihood of a compromise settlement GVN + NVN objectives too incompatible + GVN were too strong to think of compromise.
4. (Ques 21a) - We fail to evaluate the significance of the greatly increased alienation by the population toward the enemy.

5. (Ques # 22) - Current generally.
Disagree. Violently that we should
"scale down" our demands on the GNP -
the opposite required!

6. (Ques # 23) PROU forcing of "lever-
age" not adequately explained. I am
much in favor of it - but at
the highest possible level! We
don't have the reason the board
consentance to apply it at lower levels.
Do not compare with CIA
estimate that US "cannot (progressively)
disengage". I think we
can - over a decade - and
gradually! We should not
ignore any condition for
a ceasefire or cessation of
hostilities. We gain gain
gain during a period of
peace - VNM explodes into
misery!

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Sec State

1. Ques 5a. — How are the four divisions supplied? (III CT2)
2. Ques 5b — Rubbish. The enemy's attack was a forced abort — far short of its objectives.
3. Ques 6 — GVM only China 193,000.
4. Ques 9 — Disagree with Embassy & State. Enemy does not have capability for large scale sustained operations.
5. Ques 10 — Embassy is more correct. The major supply route for TD & TV CT2 is Thun Canada.
6. Ques 10a — Description is in in — viously serious problem — corrective action inadequate.
7. Ques 14-20 — No evidence that enemy will react against prisoners in this manner — but agree that it would be logical for them to do so.
8. Ques 22a — Why does State emphasize Provincial level — Ridiculous position.